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EXDIS, FOR AMBASSADOR FROM HOLBROOKE

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SUBJECT: SENIOR GROC OFFICIALS RAISE POST-NORMALIZATION
ARRANGEMENTS

REF: TAIPEI 3971

LINE YOU TOOK WITH YU KUO-HUA IS EXACTLY RIGHT. ALTHOUGH
WE ARE NOT READY AT THIS TIME TO ENGAGE IN FULL DISCUSSION
OF POST-NORMALIZATION ARRANGEMENTS, IF ASKED ABOUT EFFECT
OF NORMALIZATION ON NON-OFFICIAL RELATIONSHIPS IN FIELDS
SUCH AS TRADE YOU CAN STATE AS YOUR VIEW THAT NORMALIZATION
WOULD NOT INTERRUPT SUBSTANTIVE RELATIONS IN SUCH FIELDS.
I FULLY AGREE WITH YOUR RECOMMENDATION THAT WE SHOULD NOT

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TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO RAISE SUCH QUESTIONS AT THIS TIME,
BUT I DO BELIEVE IT NECESSARY TO AVOID GIVING AN ADVERSE
SIGNAL BY CASTING DOUBT ON THE VIABILITY OF SUCH RELATION-
SHIPS. PLEASE CONTINUE TO REPORT SUCH QUERIES AND GIVE US
YOUR EVALUATION OF THEM. WE WILL BE PARTICULARLY
INTERESTED TO SEE IF MORE OR LESS CONCERTED PROBING ON
THIS ISSUE IS NOW BEGINNING. YOU MAY DRAW THEIR ATTENTION,

AS APPROPRIATE, TO SENTENCES IN MY HAWAII SPEECH THAT
REFER TO THIS MATTER.
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